



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 30 – May 7, 2014

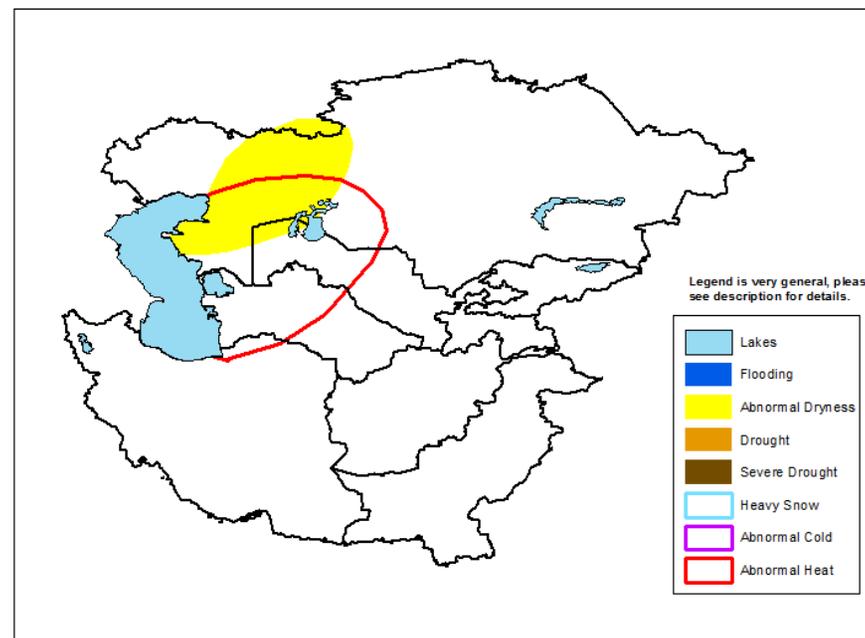
Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees C below-normal across Kazakhstan and northern Uzbekistan from April 20 - 26. Weekly temperatures averaged slightly above-normal across the remainder of Central Asia during this time period. Subfreezing temperatures were limited to north-central Kazakhstan, while maximum temperatures warmed to around 30 degrees C across southern Turkmenistan and likely into the mid 30s (degrees C) across southwest Afghanistan.

Abnormal heat is posted for southwest Kazakhstan and northern parts of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan where temperatures are forecast to average more than 8 degrees C above-normal during the next week. Maximum temperatures may reach 35 degrees C. Meanwhile, minimum temperatures are expected to remain at or above freezing across Central Asia except for the higher elevations.

Precipitation

Abnormal dryness is posted for northwest Kazakhstan where precipitation deficits have increased during the past two months. The Vegetative Health Index indicates below-average vegetation levels for this time of year. Light showers (10 mm or less) are forecast for this part of Kazakhstan. Meanwhile, scattered showers and thundershowers with locally heavy rain are expected across Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan at the beginning of this period.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.